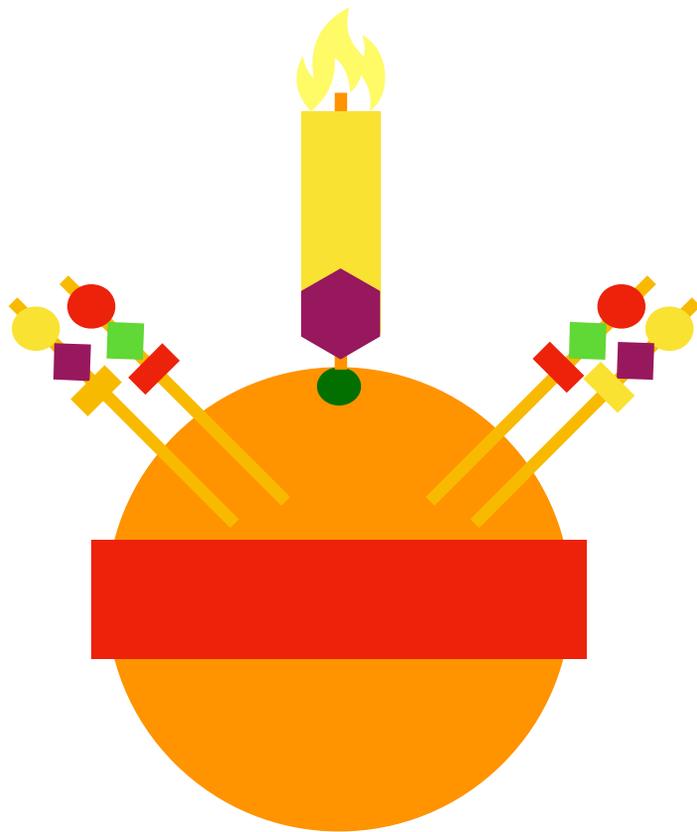


# Christingle



**INTRO:** It's now time to make our Christingles.

The word Christingle means, '**Christ Light**' and we can think of Christingle as the reason for Christmas as it points us towards Easter (the reason Jesus came), and as we make our Christingles we will learn why...

There are four parts to a Christingle:

Orange

Ribbon

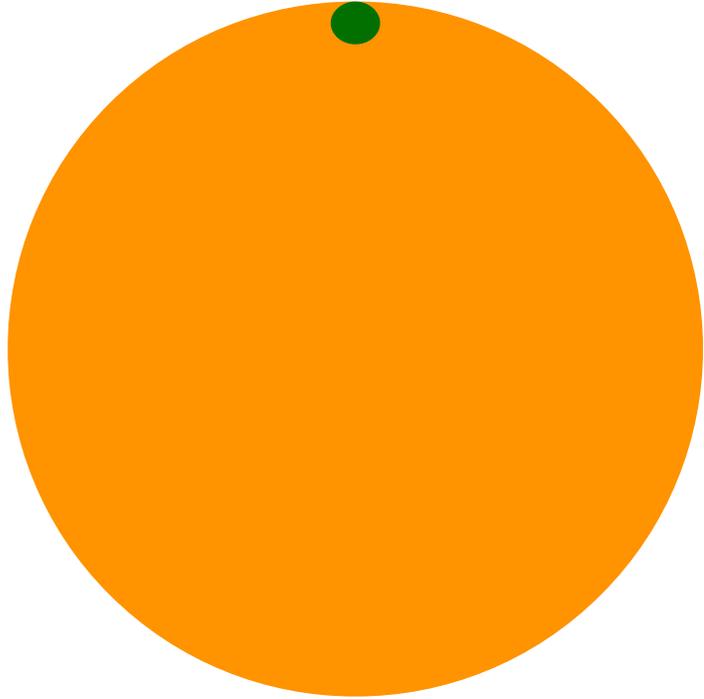
Sticks and fruits

Candle

And put together we remember that we use all God has given us to be light in the world (Jesus said YOU are the light of the world)

**FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN THEY CAN HAVE THE OPTION OF COLOURING IN EACH PART OF THE CHRISTINGLE AS YOU GO THROUGH EACH PART. FOR OLDER CHILDREN, PERHAPS THEY CAN MAKE THE CUBE.**

# The Orange



## *Let's think about the orange*

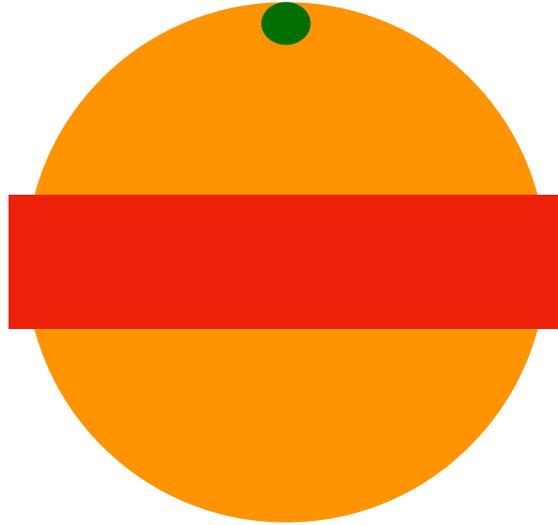
**Intro:** The orange represents the world. God made the world and all that is in it for us to enjoy.

**Discuss:** What part of creation are you particularly grateful for today? A special place, a creature, another person? Give thanks for that place/creature/person.

**Activity:** Show the orange and ask the children to imagine it is the world. Sadly, we have all been guilty of damaging God's creation or not appreciating it enough. Take a moment to think about how you can make the world a better place for everyone to enjoy. What can you do as a class?

**Pray/Reflect:** Take a moment to think about how you can make the world a better place for everyone to enjoy. What can you do as a class?

# The Ribbon



*Let's think about the red band*

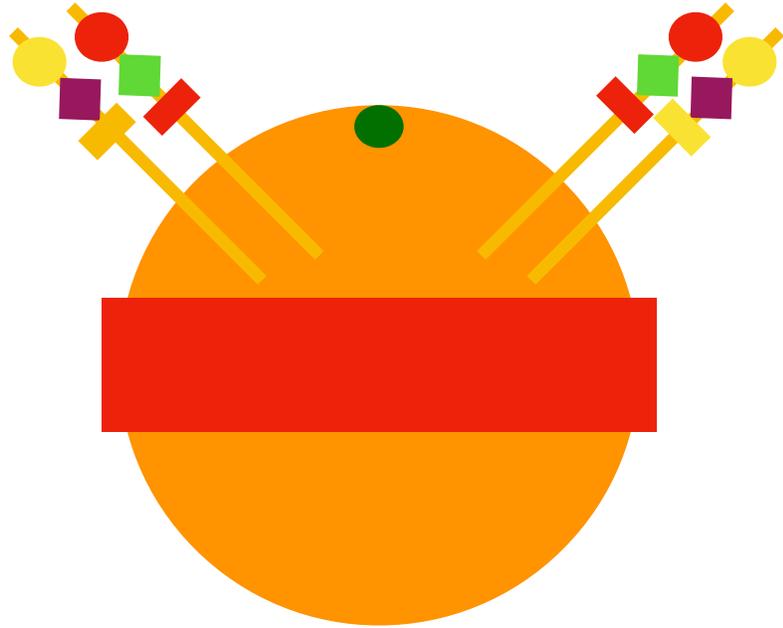
**Intro:** The red band (ribbon or tape) represents the love of Jesus, who gave his life as a gift for us.

**Discuss:** Who is special to you? Whose love are you grateful for today? Give thanks for them.

**Activity:** Place the red tape around the orange.

**Pray:** At this time of year, some are feeling lonely or sad. Pray for any particular needs of those known to you.

# Sticks & Fruits



*Think about the four cocktail sticks and the fruits or sweets.*

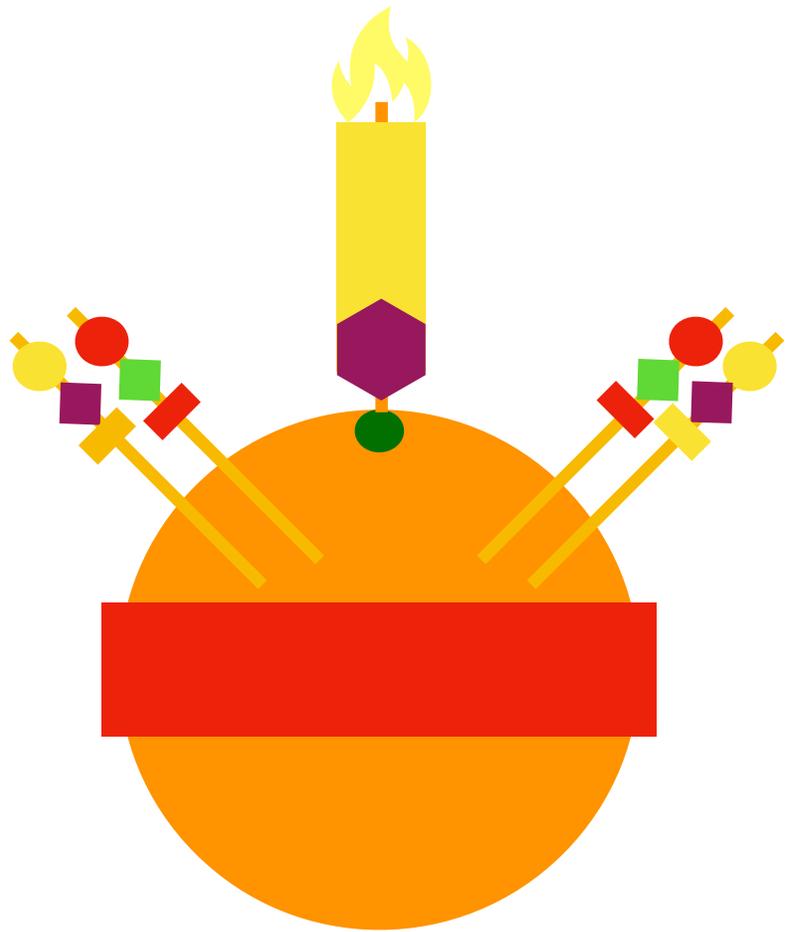
**Intro:** The cocktail sticks and fruits remind us of the four seasons, of food and all the good things God gives us.

**Discuss:** Which season are you most grateful for? What are your favourite foods? Give thanks for them.

**Activity:** Place the cocktail sticks and sweets into the orange

**Pray:** Some people in our country and in the world do not have enough food. Pray for them.

# Candle



***Let's think about the candle***

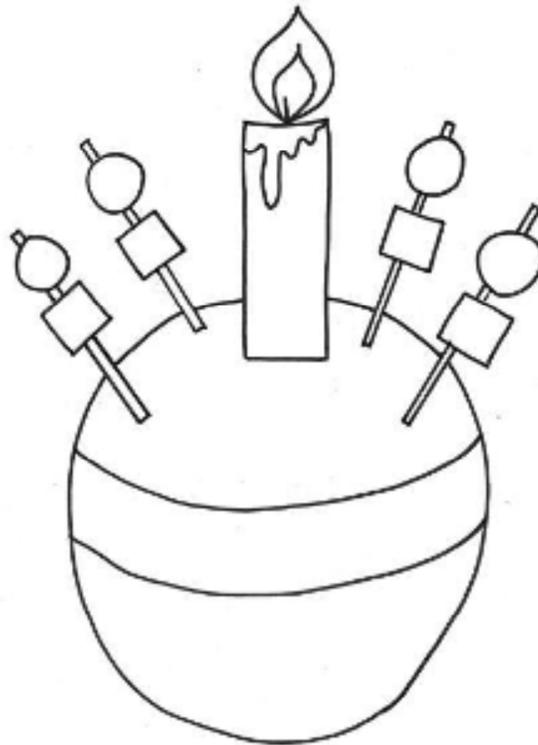
**Intro:** The candle represents Jesus, the Light of the World, who brings joy, happiness and hope to the world and all people.

**Discuss:** What things make you full of joy? Give thanks for them now.

**Activity:** Place the candle in the centre of the orange (*light the Christingle to represent all the Christingles being lit*)

**Pray:** Some people do not feel joyful or hopeful and are struggling. Pray for them. Bring all your prayers together by saying 'Amen.'

# Sharing the light



## *Let's think about being the light of the world*

**Intro:** In 2020, during lockdown and beyond, we saw how many people went out of their way to help others by getting their shopping and prescriptions and through keeping in touch on the 'phone or online. Key workers risked their lives to save others.

**Activity:** But we all have something to offer and to bring light and hope to other people. Take a moment now to think about what you can do to 'share the light' and add your thoughts to the Christingle. Keep this as a reminder of your pledge.

**Activity:** Hand out the blank Christingles and invite the children to complete the pledge and if you have time, colour it in.

**Pray:** Complete the day by saying the prayer on the screen.